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Hi Mark,

Another e-mail for Kazoo files. It's releasable.

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From: Edward Jayne <edward.jayne@wmich.edu>
To: Shari Kolak/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
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Dear Shari:

We spoke briefly after to WMU meeting Thursday night, when you very generously gave me your e-mail address to engage in further communications. I was the individual who asked the question from the audience whether the surprise about "hot spots" downstream might not suggest the possibility of further surprises once PCBs are deposited at the Allied Paper landfill. Afterwards we discussed a potential medical threat (for example cancer on Westnedge Hill), the political ramifications, and your courage in coming to the meeting and facing down all the opposition, myself included. You were attractive enough to seem an affirmative action "type," yet it was you who answered almost all the difficult questions, and you did so with full confidence in your information. You became the primary target of audience complaints, and you carried the day in the sense that the EPA came off with a solid draw.

My role in the controversy is relatively marginal aside from the fact that I live on Westnedge Hill and have recovered from cancer almost two years ago. However, as a retired English professor I have excellent connections in the community. I also played a central role in the creation of the Kal-Haven Trail (which you might not have heard of) and participated effectively in a couple of political campaigns. My letters are also published now and again in the local newspaper.

My suggestion after a couple of days of thought about possibilities: I

would be willing to bring to Chicago not more than two or three active spokesmen opposed to the PCB waste site for a thorough off-the-record assessment of options that now present themselves. You in turn would bring one or more of your colleagues at the EPA whom you consider the most knowledgeable and/or persuasive, and together we would see what can be done to resolve the current impasse. We could meet at the EPA headquarters, but also at a nearby Chicago restaurant with a round table big enough to accommodate us all, of course on a Dutch-treat basis. The meeting might be a total waste of time; then again, it might bear useful results. I myself would certainly do everything in my power to clarify possibilities with my friends and peers in Kalamazoo afterwards.

The two best days for such a meeting would probably be Friday or Saturday of this coming week (April 20 and 21), but other possibilities abound.

Thanks again for your courtesy in response to my questions.

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